

MILITARY CHANGE OF COMMANDS

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, in the June edition of *Leatherneck* magazine, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Charles Krulak, quotes his father as saying: "The American people believe that Marines are downright good for the country." I agree with The Commandant's father. And I am pleased General Krulak also holds that well founded opinion. The United States Marine Corps is collectively good for this country, and the services of individual marines such as General Krulak are a big part of that positive contribution made by the Corps.

Unfortunately, the title of the article in which General Krulak quoted his father was "A farewell to the Corps." General Krulak will be retiring after four years from his position as Commandant at the end of this month. I would like to thank him for his service and efforts on behalf of his Corps and his nation.

Although I have been on the Armed Services Committee a short six months, I have had several good experiences with the Commandant.

I think the most notable was in May of this year, when a large group of my constituents were taking a tour of the Pentagon, and the Commandant invited them into his office. He said then that he usually tries to do something similar—bring tourists into his personal office—everyday. I do not think Krulak was fully aware of what he was getting himself into, but all fifty or so crowded their way into his office, and listened while he spoke about the Corps, the moving of his office down from the 'barbed wire surrounded hill of the Naval Annex' to the corridors of the Pentagon, and the Corps' efforts and ability to turn young men and women into marines.

Let me tell you, they were impressed. They were impressed with his position, they were impressed with his efforts, they were impressed with his commitment, and they were impressed with the man.

I have also had correspondence with General Krulak relating to our work on S.4, and for the process of preparing the defense authorization. He consistently strikes me as a man who is well aware of the challenges his position holds, and works to meet them. He has been straightforward and dependable. Hearing testimony from him at committee hearings is always a pleasure. He does not rattle off bland platitudes. I felt that I could always rely on his opinion to be the truest possible interpretation of the situation, and one that held the best interests of the country at the foremost.

Let me end by repeating: General Krulak has been fundamentally good for this country. I wish him well in whatever new course he sets for himself.

Also, I would like to welcome General James Jones into his role as the 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps. I have met with him only very briefly,

but I look forward to working with him. I am sure he will follow in the able footsteps of all the past United States Marines Corps Commandants, and serve the Marines and America admirably. •

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, over the Memorial Day weekend, a series of events and memorial services were held in Indianapolis honoring our nation's Medal of Honor winners. Nearly 100 of all of the living Medal of Honor recipients came to Indiana to participate in the ceremonies as honored guests. In addition to paying tribute to these heroes and celebrating their remarkable accomplishments with a healthy dose of Hoosier hospitality, a new memorial to the Medal of Honor winners was dedicated. This memorial is only one of its kind in the nation. All of this was made possible by countless numbers of volunteers who worked tirelessly to carry out this program that was initiated and undertaken by IPALCO Enterprises of Indianapolis.

Following this remarkable weekend, I received a letter from Major General Robert G. Moorhead, USA (Ret.), who through his words captured the sentiments of many of my State who were a part of these historic and moving events.

At this time, Mr. President, I ask that an excerpt from General Moorhead's letter be printed in the RECORD.

The excerpt follows.

As the last days of the 20th century continue to unfold, Memorial Day weekend in the capital of Indiana was one to remember. Nearly 100 Medal of Honor recipients were guests for a series of stirring tributes. These included a solemn Memorial Service; the dedication of the only memorial to recipients of the Medal of Honor; grand marshals in the IPALCO 500 Festival Parade; an outdoor concert by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra; and a parade lap around the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval prior to the start of the race.

As the 20th century draws to a close, many wonder if the nation has lost sight of the sacrifices which have been made to preserve freedom. After this Memorial Day weekend in Indianapolis, my heart remains swollen with pride in our land and my fellow citizens. The reception given these ordinary men who did extraordinary things can never be equaled.

I am especially proud of the untold hundreds of volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make these events possible. Memorial Day Weekend 1999 did much to convince me that our nation's freedom loving spirit is alive and well. It also underscored the true meaning of "Hoosier Hospitality."

Sincerely,

MG ROBERT G. MOORHEAD,
USA Ret. •

WE THE PEOPLE FINALS

• Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the outstanding achievement of the students of Central High School from Cheyenne, Wyoming in the national finals of We The People . . . The

Citizen and the Constitution program. They recently made a trip to the Nation's Capital to participate in a mock congressional hearing where they played the role of constitutional experts testifying before a panel of judges. Their fellow students at Central High, their families and friends, along with the people of Cheyenne and the entire state of Wyoming are very proud of these students who spent long hours studying the Constitution and the related court cases to be able to answer detailed and complex questions about the Constitution that would normally be considered by the Supreme Court.

Guided by their teacher, Donald Morris, these students took on the difficult task of competing against 1,250 other students from across the nation. They worked together for a whole semester to master the ins and outs of the Constitution and the Supreme Court cases that set important precedents. In doing so they learned a great deal about the value of friendship and the importance of teamwork. I hope that more schools in Wyoming and around the nation take advantage of the We The People program.

When I was a Boy Scout back in Sheridan, Wyoming, I earned my Citizenship in the Nation merit badge by creating a series of charts showing the system of checks and balances contained in the Constitution. Although it did not occur to me at the time, I am sure part of me was inspired and wanted to get more involved in government and our democratic process. Now I am a part of that system that relies so heavily on the Charters of Freedom that were crafted with such diligence by our Founding Fathers. I hope that a love of the Constitution, the law and our nation's history will similarly inspire all our young people to become more involved in their government and by so doing take hold of the reins on their future.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize these students by name. They are David Angel, Kristen Barton, Beth Brabson, Michelle Brain, Mary Connaghan, Mariah Martin, Andrea Mau, Alison McGuire, Rachel Michael, Joanna Morris, Leigh Nelson, Tiffany Price, Lydia Renneisen, Shannon Scritchfield, Erica Tonso and Katie Zaback. They are truly remarkable young adults and I extend my heartiest congratulations to them, to their teachers and principal, and their families on their remarkable success. •

REMARKS OF FORMER SENATOR
HANK BROWN

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, most of my colleagues in this body, I'm sure, remember my predecessor, Hank Brown. He represented me for 10 years as the Congressman from Colorado's 4th district, and I had the further privilege of working with him during my 6 years in the House. Since he retired from this body in 1996, I have relied on